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25X1 1. On 14 October 1953, the Ministry of Mining and Smelting forwarded to the SED Politbureau for approval its plans for the organizational setup of the new Ministry for Heavy Industry.

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2. The plans proposed Fritz Selbmann as Minister. His staff was to include as State Secretary for Metallurgy, State Secretary Rudolf Steinwald, at that time Chief of the Main Administration (HV) for Iron Industry, State Secretary Max Fritsch for the Department for Coal, State Secretary Rolf Jeczmionka for the Department of Power and Professor Doctor Heinrich Bartsch as State Secretary of the Department for Chemistry. The Central Department for Planning and Investments and the Central Department for Research and Development were to be assigned directly to the Minister and to be authorized to contact pertinent main administrations directly, omitting the red tape of subordinate offices such as the State Secretaries for Metallurgy, Coal, Power and Chemistry. This would give more power to the Minister and the main administrations.

3. State Secretary Richard Goschuetz was slated to be first deputy to the Minister. His office was to be in charge of the central personnel and the wage department, which, because of the size of the Ministry, will probably be made of two separate departments. He also will be in charge of departments for work training, finance, economics and supply, and of the security office.

4. Small offices, rather than central administrations were scheduled to be assigned to the four State Secretaries i.e. Metallurgy, Coal, Power and Chemistry. The office of the State Secretary for Metallurgy was to include the HV for iron industry and iron ore mining, the HV for non-ferrous industry and non-ferrous ore mining and the HV for branch industries which in turn was to include the industry for refractory stones and earthenware, the dolomite and lime industry and also the enterprises of the construction material industry as, for instance, the lime works at Ruedersdorf previously attached to the Ministry for Construction. The office of the State Secretary for Coal was to include the HV for hard coal and the HV for soft coal. The office of the State Secretary for Power was to include an HV for electric power and a HV for gas. The office of the State Secretary for Chemistry was to be in charge of an HV for organic chemistry and of an HV for inorganic chemistry.<sup>1,2</sup>

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. It is noteworthy that Bertsch will have another assignment as State Secretary, that his office will be broken down into only two HVs, and that no reference was made to the HV for liquid fuels and basic chemistry.

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